

No 47 - Marietta Geo

1863

Oct 5th 63

Dear Sister

This morning after eating my breakfast, sitting round the fire talking with Grand Pa, and in that manner enjoying myself finely I thought of a letter you wrote me some time since, and will now try and answer it. Since my sickness I had been staying at Cousin Ed. Pe's. Last Saturday I got to this place, having got a pass at Dalton, and I am now staying at Grand Pa's until I get fit for service again.

I am not as anxious to get to my dear Company as I should have been had not my great attraction been removed. He was see that I wanted to stay in that Post for now he is gone. I dont care how soon I leave it, I have other friends in Lieutenant Bignard's, in whom I can rely nearly as much as the last one, but no one in whom I could place as much ^{confidence} ~~reliance~~. Tally is the greatest Post that I could have sustained in the Army.

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He was a guide, and an adviser, in him, I put all confidence, for I knew him to be conscientious in everything, Aunt M, and Uncle Mary and Anna may ^{be} ^{and} can say that they had a brother, who was one of the noblest in spirit of God's Creation, I never had any thing to shock me in my life as when Nelson, one of our boys, told me that he was killed

I have been so used to those sort of things, that, hearing of the death of those I knew, that it did not ^{surprize} ^{me} as much as you, but I can assure you, the first days of my knowing it were the bitterest of my life, it was the mercy of Providence that kept me from that slaughter pen. You all must be in a state of extreme sorrow, at this time, Pa said he never witnessed such a scene in his life, as when you all got the news. Pa was a favourite with all, his death is lamented by every one who

over me, I had a hope and I am sure
they will find them but I am sure
I will thank his Excellency and his
Honour, Col. Vance in writing a
note to Cousin E. G. Proyle, said he
was close to him when he fell, that
he was at his post of duty. Col. M-
lamented his death very much, the
note he wrote Cousin E- was very
complimentary, he begged that he should
be remembered to the parents of T- as
one who joined them in their their
lamentation, Pa will disinter
him and get his remains home if
possible, Pa has been with me a week
tomorrow, we will go to Middlebury
stay a day or two, and return to
Grand Pa, how long we will stay
here before my return to Camp, I
cannot say, I would like much
to see you all, but I cannot, so I
must just content, Love an all
at home my best love, together with
the old folks, write soon to you
Affectionate Grandpa
My best respects to all my Ladies
acquaintance, have you heard from
Miss Weston lately? Miss Farnum never
got to see our Dear Cousin.

My Dear Captain Oct 5th 1863

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and without knowing what he has said I will
proceed to bring up the narrative of our ^{or my} movements
to this time & place. The next day after writing to
you I was taken with a sore throat which ran ^{on} ~~fastly~~ into
Laryngitis; keeping me together with the rain at S.D.
till Saturday morning. On the day before his Regt
with others of his Brigade ~~de~~ passed up to Breng. They
have been exchanged; so you see Ed is again in the
service, he left Saturday morning for Chattanooga, & we
for this place, & another. Fortunately for us, we met within chance
to send out word, & reached the old place ^{at} by supper time
Tomorrow, Tuesday, we expect to go down to brother John's stay
a day or two, & then back to this place, when I expect to make
preparations to go to the Battle Field for taking up Poor Jaly's
This I may be able to accomplish by next Monday, at any
rate, I will give a day or two notice of my starting by letter.
Harry is in a fair way to recover his health soon. The chance
for obtaining a substitute here at this time is a slim one.
As now, one can be had in the case for state troops from 45
to 60, & now in Comp. John Miller even, has been in the
state service, but by being "detained," is permitted now to be at
home, & will make every inquiry & effort as long as I am in the country
to obtain one. I wrote to Robt Hubbard, Anderson, to keep 4 lbs of
bluestone for me, & that I would send for it by S.D. ^{at} ~~at~~. I don't
sow the wheat without it, if you can get it. I only and
Affectionately yours, W.C. Jr.

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Harry C Miller
Co A 3rd US Regt

At this time he
had not returned
to camp Mrs



C. P. Miller

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Pendleton

Texas

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Sackett Co

Oct 16th 1863

Dear Ma

Last Tuesday Pa wrote you a long letter but I enclosed you a small note, so as to let you that I was still in the land of living & say I endeavored to answer your small long letter, which was received while at Marietta, then I wrote a long letter to sister Mary, which as yet has not been answered.

While at Evans Pa's my health was very much improved, and returning hither it was my intention to go on immediately to camp but the weather has been so inclement I did not venture, The Railroad has been very much injured between here and Chickamauga that it will be a little while yet before I can go, Pa told me to tell you he has failed to get a substitute here, and has gone about fifteen miles above here to try, he seems pretty anxious to try and fulfill your request, I would like very well indeed to stay with you

during the severity of this winter
But if Pa fails to get one here
and you are still anxious to have
one write your try about Penobscot
Say you try, I believe he would
perhaps go for six months, that is
as long as I could stay at home
with any credit to myself, then
the hardships of winter will be over
spring shall have returned and
I will be perfectly restored, It has
been raining three days and nights
everything here is booming, no news
Pa heard Jeff Davis make a speech at
the depot the other day, Cousin Lucy
and family are well, my love to all
write soon, Tell Sister R & C they must
write I have heard nothing from them
in connection my love to all.

Your affectionate son
Tally's personal effects have all
been taken care of, Pa will bring
them when he returns

I was glad to hear Tally's body
has gotten home safely

Tell the Barker howdy from

Oct 24th 1863

Camp. C. Miller

Camp A 3rd S.C. Regt.

Camp near Lucetta negro
Sub Lt Miller

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Face of letter from the
Pendleton Village

less of July

So. Car



Camp Near Chattanooga
Oct 24th 1863

My dear Sister

Last Wednesday I got to
Camp, having left Pa at Dalton who is
trying to procure a substitute for me.
When I got to this place I certainly
expected to get some letters from home
not having received but one while away
and that was from Ma. I cannot ima-
gine what can be the matter. You all
certainly know where to direct, by
changing to Chattanooga instead of
Richmond, I do most certainly
desire a letter, not having heard from
any of you since leaving Marietta
more than three weeks.

Our place of Camp is about
two miles from Chattanooga near the
foot of Look Out Mountain, we are
staying in a Mans horse lot and
of all the nasty, dirty places you
could imagine, we stay all the
time, it is a wonder to me it dont
rain all the time, for it certainly
does look like it does, I have been
here four days, and three out of the
four it has been raining, the fifth

cut water, is enough to make a hog
sick, to sum up the whole in a few
words, I would like to be somewhere
else, there is no danger of a fight
soon that I, or any body else of this
camp, know of. Longstreet occasionally
gives them a little shelling from
Look out, We can see the Yankees
from here very easily from this place.

I sent up a pass this morning
to be signed by the Genl. to go to Leukins
Prigado, Expect I will go tomorrow, I
am anxious to see somebody dear to me.

Tally, my attraction to this camp is
gone out long since. He gets one a ^{new} ^{from} ^{the} ^{Genl.}
title & I go to Leukins Prigado, I
dont care, I have some good friends in
this camp, but I dont care to stay.

I miss our dear Tally very much
I feel lonely, lonely, lonely.
What a great comfort he was to me,
when I felt sad, I could always find
comfort in him. We would go in our
tent shut ourselves up, and talk on
subjects containing pleasure for us
both, But God has seen proper to take

him from us. He was at his post of
duty as usual, fell while the balls
were flying thick and fast, when the
fatal ball had reached the destination
of its mission, he gave one exclamation
and that was "Oh" he fell, the vital
spark had fled the soul of that noble
boy had left its tenement of clay and
winged its flight to another sphere far
from the scenes of this Earth, what
pangs that ball has caused, I some
times feel as if I had rather that ball
had struck me in his stead.

I get terribly low spirited at times,
I am very anxious to see you all once
more, I can't imagine what has become
of Pa, he told me he was coming on
in a day, or two, after I left him, but
on account of the extreme bad weather
I suppose he has been detained, it is a
good thing he has not, for it has been
very cold and we have no wood to make
fire with, we carry it on our shoulders
a mile, we stay in a man's log and
are not allowed to burn any thing about
we see a harder time than when in Pa

Notwithstanding all this, if things can
be no better, I am willing to put up with
it all, I expect I am as well able to
bear it as any body else.

I am now going to beg you all to
write to me oftener. When ^{you} Sally was here
I could hear from home much more
frequently, and always permitting each other
to read the letters we got, I enjoyed
his letters as much as he did mine, in way
the same way with him, now my only
hope is my own letters, hence my request,
let the rest know this, did Uncle I
get my letters written after Pa's death, let
me know, I hope Pa will get here soon.
And if he get off with him, write soon. I may
have to stay all winter. My best love to all
ask them to write soon. Pa was well when
I left Dalton, Cousin L's family also, Cousin
Ede having seen him on the road up to this
place, Good bye my dear Sister, "Write Soon"
Your most affectionate Brother
Harry Miller

My best love to Aunt Rose and the other
parties, I hope to see you all soon.